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SUMMARY

1. (U) PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS RYAN MALARKEY AND GERALD CONNOLLY ARRIVED LA PAZ AS SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 21, AND DEPARTED JANUARY 26. THE RELATIVE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY--- FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS---PERMITTED EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG AND BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS, A PERSONAL VISIT TO THE CHAPARE COCA GROWING/PROCESSING REGION, AND AN OVERFLIGHT OF OTHER MAJOR COCA PRODUCTION AND LABORATORY ZONES IN BOLIVIA. AS A RESULT, WE BELIEVE THEY DEPARTED WITH AN APPRECIATION FOR THE SUBTLETIES OF THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS PICTURE THAT FEW VISITORS ACHIEVE. THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACTS AND MYTHS SURROUNDING BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS SHOULD GREATLY HELP OUR CONGRESSIONAL DIALOG AS WE SEEK TO TAILOR USG/ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS TO BOLIVIA'S CURRENT REALITIES. PARAGRAPH 21 CONTAINS STAFFDEL'S INITIAL CONCLUSIONS. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) ON THE EVENING OF ARRIVAL, DCM BIGGS HOSTED A DINNER FOR THE VISITORS. GUESTS INCLUDED ADN SENATOR HECTOR ORMACHEA AND ECONOMIST HERBERT MULLER, WHO IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF COCA/COCAINE ON THE BOLIVIAN ECONOMY. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, JANUARY 22, MALARKEY AND CONNOLLY CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR, THEN MET WITH THE BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY TEAM TO EXAMINE HOW NARCOTICS INFLUENCE THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CLIMATE IN BOLIVIA. IN THE AFTERNOON, THEY FLEW TO COCHABAMBA AND VISITED NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE UNIT OFFICES THERE IN PREPARATION FOR THE ROAD TRIP TO THE CHAPARE THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

CHAPARE VISIT  
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3. (U) EARLY ON JANUARY 23, STAFFDEL DEPARTED FOR THE CHAPARE, ACCOMPANIED BY BOLIVIAN SUBSECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR JUSTICE CARLOS VARGAS ROMERO, NAU CHIEF YELLMAN, DEA SAC BURNETT, AND A SMALL CONTINGENT OF UMOPAR TROOPS. THE LANDSLIDE AT KM. 90 ON DESCENT INTO THE CHAPARE WAS IMPRESSIVE, BUT HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY CLEARED TO ALLOW THE PARTY TO PROCEED ACROSS, AND ARRIVE AT VILLA TUNARI AS SCHEDULED. THERE THEY WERE MET BY BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER GENERAL JULIO VARGAS SOTO, DNCSP (NARCOTICS POLICE) DIRECTOR GUIDO LOPEZ VILLEGAS, AND DIRECO (COCA REDUCTION) CHIEF ALFREDO SALAZAR. DIRECO'S SALAZAR BRIEFED THE GROUP ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COCA FIELD MEASUREMENT/REDUCTION EFFORTS.

CHAPARE ERADICATION  
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4. (U) THE AUGMENTED PARTY THEN DEPARTED ON THE 30 MILE TRIP TO ETERARAZAMA, WHERE SOME COCA ERADICATION HAD ACTUALLY TAKEN PLACE. STAFFDEL WAS TAKEN ON A WALK THROUGH SEVERAL LARGE (AND SWAMPY) FIELDS WHERE COCA HAD BEEN CUT, THE ROOTS PULLED, AND THE PLANTS PILED FOR BURNING. THE FIELDS INSPECTED BY THE STAFFDEL TOTALLED ABOUT TWO HECTARES. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE INVITED TO VIEW OTHER NEARBY ERADICATED FIELDS, STAFFDEL DECLINED DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AND THE LACK OF HIP BOOTS TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DEEP MUD ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE. RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM USG CONTRACTOR SOURCES WORKING IN THE CHAPARE INDICATE THAT COCA ERADICATED IN THE ETERARAZAMA REGION AS OF THE DAY OF THE VISIT WOULD TOTAL ABOUT 15

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HECTARES.

5. (U) THE WALK-THROUGH WAS WELL COVERED BY LOCAL PRESS AND TV JOURNALISTS, AND WAS PRECEDED BY BRIEF SPEECHES BY JUSTICE SUBSECRETARY VARGAS, POLICE COMMANDER VARGAS SOTO, AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL PEASANT FEDERATION (FEAT), ALBERTO VARGAS. VARGAS EMPHASIZED THE PEASANTS' EXPECTATION THAT THEIR COCA REDUCTION EFFORTS WOULD BE REWARDED WITH SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE REGION. THE FEAT LEADER ALSO POINTEDLY REMINDED THE STAFFDEL THAT THEY WERE THERE AT THE SUFFERANCE OF THE PEASANT ORGANIZATION, AND WERE UNDER THEIR "PROTECTION". NO HOSTILITY TOWARD

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THE VISITORS WAS EVIDENT AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FARMERS WHO HAD GATHERED FOR THE EVENT.

6. (U) ALONG THE ROAD BETWEEN ETERARAZAMA AND VILLA TUNARI THE STAFFDEL OBSERVED EXTENSIVE COCA LEAF DRYING OPERATIONS AS THE SUN EMERGED FROM THE CLOUDS TO PERMIT THIS KEY STEP IN THE COCA HARVESTING PROCESS. AT ABOUT 2:30 P.M., THE GROUP DEPARTED ETERARAZAMA FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 75 MILE TRIP TO THE UMOPAR ENCAMPMENT AT IVIRGARZAMA.

## VISIT TO UMOPAR

7. (U) ALL ROADBLOCKS AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF PEASANT RESISTANCE HAD FADED FROM THE IVIRGARZAMA AREA BY THE DAY OF THE VISIT, DUE PROBABLY TO THE PERSONAL PRESENCE OF NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER VARGAS (HE HAD BEEN THERE NEARLY A WEEK) AND THE DEMONSTRATED RESOLVE OF UMOPAR TO TOUGH-OUT THE CRISIS OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK (REF. C). UMOPAR HAD BEEN RESUPPLIED AND REFUELED, AND THE TROOPS, 200 STRONG, WERE LINED UP SMARTLY FOR REVIEW AS THE STAFFDEL ARRIVED. AFTER A TOUR OF THE CAMP AREA, THE STAFFDEL SAT DOWN WITH GENERAL VARGAS AND UMOPAR COMMANDER COL. EDUARDO VILLAROEL TO DISCUSS THE EVENTS THAT HAD CALLED SO MUCH ATTENTION TO UMOPAR ACTIVITIES EARLIER IN THE MONTH.

8. (U) COL. VILLAROEL LISTED UMOPAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE REGION SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL ON NOV. 25, 1985. HE ALSO NOTED THE DIFFICULT LIVING CONDITIONS, THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, AND SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS.

9. (U) IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC STAFFEL QUESTIONS, COL. VILLAROEL EXPLAINED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ALLEGED RAPE IN THE TOWN OF IVIRGARZAMA BY AN UMOPAR SOLDIER THAT TOUCHED OFF THE CONFRONTATION REPORTED REF. C. HIS PERSPECTIVE WAS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN SOME PREVIOUS REPORTS. HE STATED THAT NO RAPE HAD ACTUALLY OCCURED; THAT ONLY ONE OF THE TWO SOLDIERS WHO WERE IN THE TOWN WAS ACCUSED OF THE RAPE; THAT THE GIRL IN QUESTION WAS IN FACT A FRIEND OF THE ACCUSED SOLDIER; AND THAT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY THE TOWN DOCTOR SHOWED NO RAPE HAD OCCURED, IN SPITE OF PRESSURE ON THE DOCTOR BY TOWNSPEOPLE TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE CONTRARY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ACCUSED SOLDIER HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES, BUT THAT PROSECUTION HAD BEEN DROPPED AS A RESULT OF THE MEDICAL REPORT AND LACK OF OTHER SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UMOPAR CAMP HAD NEVER IN FACT BEEN SURROUNDED BY ANGRY TOWNSPEOPLE AS SOME REPORTS ALLEGED, BUT THAT PEASANT ACTIVITIES WERE CONFINED TO MANNING ROADBLOCKS ON THE THREE ROADS OUT OF THE REGION. HE CHARACTERIZED THE ENTIRE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE HOSTILE, NARCOTICS-PRODUCING

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POPULATION OF THE REGION TO EMBARRASS UMOPAR AND SEIZE ON A MINOR INCIDENT TO TRY TO FORCE WITHDRAWAL OF UMOPAR, A GOAL THEY HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACHIEVE BY OTHER MEANS.

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10. (LOU) THE STAFFDEL APPEARED TO BE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE UMPAR UNIT AND THEIR EVIDENTLY HIGH MORALE IN THE FACE OF UNCOMFORTABLE AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS, AND THE PHYSICAL ISOLATION IMPOSED BY OPERATING IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. UMPAR SOLDIERS CHEERED AND WHOOPED WHEN INFORMED BY NAU DIRECTOR YELLMAN OF THE ARRIVAL OF NEW UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE THEIR WORN AND LIMITED CLOTHING. ON DEPARTURE, GENERAL VARGAS HEARD COMPLAINTS AND GAVE THE TROOPS A PEP TALK, FOLLOWED BY BRIEF REMARKS BY NAU DIRECTOR YELLMAN, ON BEHALF OF THE STAFFDEL, THANKING THEM FOR THE EVIDENT SACRIFICES THEY WERE MAKING TO COMBAT NARCOTICS IN BOLIVIA. STAFFDEL RETURNED TO COCHABAMBA LATE THAT SAME EVENING, TIRED BUT SATISFIED THEY HAD SEEN A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF LIFE IN THE CHAPARE.

## CALLS ON EDUCATION MINISTER AND BOLIVIAN SENATE

11. (U) FOLLOWING RETURN TO LA PAZ EARLY JANUARY 24, THE STAFFDEL CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS WITH NAU DIRECTOR YELLMAN AND DEA SAC BURNETT, FOCUSING ON THE DIRECTIONS THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS PROGRAM SHOULD TAKE AND THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE ATTAINABLE OBJECTIVES. THEY THEN MADE OFFICIAL CALLS ON EDUCATION MINISTER ENRIQUE IPINA MELGAR AND BOLIVIAN SENATORY DANIEL CABEZAS.

12. (U) EDUCATION MINISTER IPINA OUTLINED HIS PLAN FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NARCOTICS EDUCATION PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ONLY BROAD UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS OF NARCOTICS BY THE BOLIVIAN PUBLIC, AND PUBLIC SUPPORT GENERATED BY THAT UNDERSTANDING WOULD PERMIT EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN BOLIVIA.

13. (U) SENATOR CABEZAS, WHO IS A PSYCHIATRIST BY PROFESSION, IS CHAIRMAN OF A NEW SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE BOLIVIAN SENATE, WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT NARCOTICS. HE INVITED THE STAFFDEL TO MEET WITH HIM AND TWO OF THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE NEW BOLIVIAN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE FULL RANGE OF BOLIVIA'S NARCOTICS PROBLEMS. THE MEETING LASTED OVER TWO HOURS, AND THE STAFFDEL WAS EVIDENTLY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEVEL OF CONCERN CONVEYED BY SENATOR CABEZAS AND HIS APPARENT DETERMINATION TO FIGHT THE NARCOTICS CANCER EATING AWAY AT BOLIVIA'S INNARDS.

## CALL ON INTERIOR MINISTER

14. STAFFDEL CALLED ON INTERIOR MINISTER FERNANDO BARTHELEMY MARTINEZ ON SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 25, ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR, NAU AND DEA CHIEFS. THE MINISTER BEGAN BY OUTLINING DEVELOPMENTS BEGINNING IN EARLY NOVEMBER, 1985, WHEN HE HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTARY COCA ERADICATION WITH TWO MAJOR PEASANT FEDERATIONS OF THE CHAPARE. HE ADMITTED THAT AT THE OUTSET OF THE PROGRAM, HE HIMSELF HAD FAILED TO APPRECIATE THE ARDUOUS NATURE OF PULLING COCA PLANTS OUT OF THE GROUND, AND THE CONSIDERABLE TIME IT WOULD TAKE TO ACHIEVE ANY MEANINGFUL COCA REDUCTION EVEN WITH PEASANT COOPERATION. HE EXPLAINED THAT SO FAR IT HAD BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM REDUCTION TARGET OF 1,000 HECTARES SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT. HE INSISTED HOWEVER, THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD GO FORWARD AND THAT THE ADDITION OF MORE SURVEY TEAMS WOULD HELP

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IT GAIN MOMENTUM. HE DESCRIBED THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE SURVEY/REDUCTION TEAMS IN THE DIFFICULT TOPOGRAPHY OF THE COCA GROWING AREAS, AND THE RESOURCE LIMITATIONS THAT HAMPERED THEIR PROGRESS.

15. (LOU) STAFFDEL ASKED WHY UMOPAR INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES AGAINST COCA PASTE PRODUCTION WERE CURRENTLY RESTRICTED TO THE IVIRGARZAMA REGION AND BANNED IN THE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION ZONE. THE MINISTER RESPONDED THAT UMOPAR ACTIVITY AGAINST PEASANTS WHO ARE PARTY TO THE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION AGREEMENT MIGHT TURN THEM AGAINST THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. HE ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE HE HAD INSUFFICIENT MANPOWER TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST PASTE PRODUCTION IN THE ENTIRE CHAPARZ. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PEASANTS IN THE IVIRGARZAMA AREA HAD DECLINED TO ENTER ANY VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT THE UMOPAR PRESENCE, IN ADDITION TO ITS EFFECT ON PASTE PRODUCTION THERE, WAS INTENDED TO CONVINCE THE INHABITANTS THAT VOLUNTARY COOPERATION WAS PREFERABLE TO UMOPAR OPERATIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT CURRENT EFFORTS, TOGETHER WITH MORE EFFECTIVE INTERDICTION EFFORTS AGAINST COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE LABS OPERATING AT THE NEXT STAGE OF PROCESSING WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING PRICES PAID FOR COCA LEAF, AND WOULD EVENTUALLY INDUCE FURTHER VOLUNTARY REDUCTION OF COCA CULTIVATION. HE SAID THAT THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF THE UMOPAR PRESENCE AND THE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION EFFORTS HAD INDEED LOWERED LEAF PRICES, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF "OUTSIDERS" (I.E. PERSONS WHOSE PRESENCE IN THE CHAPARE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO PASTE PRODUCTION) HAD BEEN GREATLY REDUCED IN THE REGION.

16. (LOU) IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC STAFFDEL QUESTIONS ON EFFORTS TO CONTROL CORRUPTION, THE MINISTER RESPONDED THAT POLICE SALARIES HAD BEEN RAISED SINCE HE ASSUMED OFFICE IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE SOME INCENTIVE TO HONESTY. HOWEVER, LACK OF RESOURCES IN THE BOLIVIAN TREASURY PREVENTED SALARY RAISES THAT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH LEVELS PAID TO OTHER BOLIVIAN PUBLIC SERVANTS. HE POINTED TO THE SWEEPING AND CONTINUING CHANGES UNDERWAY IN THE BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS POLICE AND THE COMMAND OF UMOPAR, AND CONCLUDED BY ASSURING THE STAFFDEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO CARRY ON THE NARCOTICS FIGHT IN SPITE OF THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS FACED BY BOLIVIA IN ITS HISTORY.

OVERFLIGHT

17. (U) FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH INTERIOR MINISTER BARTHELEMY, STAFFDEL BOARDED THE DAO AIRCRAFT FOR AN OVERFLIGHT OF THE YUNGAS COCA GROWING REGION AND THE BENI DEPARTMENT, SITE OF HUNDREDS OF SMALL AIRSTRIPS AND NUMEROUS COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE LABS. THE EVIDENT DIFFICULTIES OF THE TERRAIN, AND THE SIZE OF THE REGIONS IN QUESTION, PROVIDED THE STAFFDEL WITH FURTHER INSIGHT INTO THE EXTENT OF BOLIVIA'S NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND THE RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO EFFECTIVELY COUNTER NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN BOLIVIA.

MEDIA REACTION

18. (U) STAFFDEL VISIT TO THE CHAPARE RECEIVED CONSIDER-

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ABLE COVERAGE IN BOLIVIAN NEWSPAPERS WEEKEND OF JANUARY 25-26. LEFT-OF-CENTER "HOY" (LA PAZ) DEDICATED A FULL PAGE TO COVERAGE OF THE VISIT TO IVIRGARZAMA. PRINCIPAL HEADLINE MISLEADINGLY READ: "ANGRY REACTION OF THE POPULATION TO THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICANS." ARTICLE CITES LEADERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL AFFILIATE OF THE

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BOLIVIAN WORKERS CENTRAL (COB) AS COMPLAINING THAT THE STAFFDEL VISIT REPRESENTED AN EXAMPLE OF OPEN INTERVENTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES IN BOLIVIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND BEMOANING THE FACT THAT THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT PERMITTED SUCH AFFRONTS TO TAKE PLACE. SIMILAR REACTIONS WERE REPORTED ON THE PART OF LUCIO LOPEZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE FACTORY WORKERS UNION AND DR. JOSE GORDILLO, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF ATTORNEYS.

19. (U) JANUARY 25 EDICITON OF LEADING DAILY "PRESENCIA" (LA PAZ) CARRIED ARTICLE ON VISIT TO CHAPARE. ARTICLE STATES: "THIS CORRESPONDENT DETECTED NO OPPOSITION ON THE PART OF THESE TWO FEDERATIONS (WHICH ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION EFFORT) TO THE EXECUTION OF THE PLAN. THE CAMPESINOS SAID THAT THEIR FIRST PRIORITY IS THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY. ANOTHER ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING DAY IN "PRESENCIA" ALSO TOUCHES ON THIS ASPECT OF THE CHAPARE DEVELOPMENT, HEADLINED: "CHAPARE CAMPESINOS HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES KEEPS IT COMMITMENTS," REFERRING TO USAID-FUNDED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE CHAPARE REGION.

20. (U) ARTICLES IN BOTH "HOY" AND "LOS TIEMPOS" OF COCHABAMBA OF JANUARY 25 CITE STAFFERS AS HAVING STATED THAT ADDITIONAL U.S. AID TO BOLIVIA DEPENDS ON SUCCESS IN THE COCA-REDUCTION PROGRAM. "HOY" HEADLINE STATES: "U.S. WILL SEND MORE ECONOMIC AID IF COCA REDUCTION IS ACCELERATED;" SUB-HEAD READS: "AT PRESENT, ONLY OLD AND SICK PLANTS ARE BEING CUT." "LOS TIEMPOS" HEADLINE STATES: "U.S. WILL EXPAND ECONOMIC AID IF COCA REDUCTION CONTINUES," WITH FOLLOWING SUB-HEAD: "CONCERN FOR THE NUMBER OF HECTARES MEASURED." ELSEWHERE IN "LOS TIEMPOS" OF JANUARY 25 APPEARS ARTICLE BASED ON STATEMENTS BY SUB-SECRETARY OF JUSTICE DR. CARLOS VARGAS ROMERO, WHO DECLARED THAT BOLIVIA IS MEETING ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS "WITH GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND TO THE EXTENT THAT OUR RESOURCES PERMIT."

21. (C) IN THEIR EXIT BRIEFING FOR THE AMBASSADOR, STAFFDEL MALARKEY/CONNOLLY INDICATED THEY HAD REACHED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS REGARDING BOLIVIA:

- CAMPENSINO POLITICS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE DEVELOPED AND ORGANIZED IN BOLIVIA THAN IN OTHER ANDEAN COUNTRIES, AND ANY PROGRAM ACTIONS FORCING CONFLICT AND CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CAMPESINOS WILL NOT RPT NOT WORK.

- THEREFORE, AN ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICY THAT EMPHASIZES COCA ERADICATION AS THE SOLE RPT SOLE MEASURE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL NOT RPT NOT WORK IN BOLIVIA.

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- ON THE OTHER HAND, A PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES MORE HEAVILY ON INTERDICTION -- EVEN WHILE MAINTAINING ERADICATION AS THE FINAL GOAL -- COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS. INTERDICTION DISRUPTS THE FLOW OF COCAINE PRODUCTS TO THE U.S., AND WITHIN BOLIVIAN IT COULD DISRUPT THE MARKET FOR COCA LEAF AND COCA PASTE THEREBY INCREASING THE CHANCES FOR ERADICATION.

- THERE IS NOW SO MUCH NARCOTRAFFICKER MONEY FLOWING IN BOLIVIA THAT CORRUPTION IS A CONSTANT DANGER, AND NO SEGMENT OF SOCIETY OR AUTHORITY IS SAFE. THIS MEANS THAT WHENEVER ENFORCEMENT FORCES ARE KEPT IN STATIC POSITIONS FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME (FOR EXAMPLE, MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS) THERE IS A HIGH LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WILL HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED.

- FINALLY, ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZED THE EXTREME FINAN-  
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CIAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT, THE STAFFDEL SAID IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GREATER BOLIVIAN FINANCIAL, AS DISTINCT FROM HUMAN RESOURCES, COMMITMENT IN NARCOTICS CONTROL, INTERDICTION AND ERADICATION.  
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